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1. *International Application No. WO 99/39192 published August 5, 1999* discloses: The invention concerns a multiple capillary electrophoresis system comprising a plurality of juxtaposed capillaries, at least one source for transmitting a beam designed to excite the molecules present on its path and inside the capillaries, means for detecting the fluorescence of the molecules excited by said beam. The invention is characterised in that said means are arranged so as to detect the light emerging at the output of said capillaries and propagated along a direction wherein said capillaries extend and the detection means resolution is sufficient for distinguishing the light emerging at the output of the capillaries from that coming from the walls thereof and/or their surrounding medium.

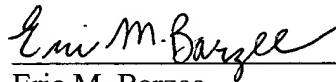
2. *Japanese Patent Application No. 10019846 published January 23, 1998* discloses:

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To obtain a multicapillary electrophoretic apparatus by which more capillaries can be observed simultaneously.

SOLUTION: A sample which is injected from the upper end of every capillary 1a is migrated

downward inside every capillary 1a by a migration voltage which is applied from a power supply 10. During its migration, a linear exciting beam 4 is irradiated, the sample is excited by the laser beam 4 when it is passed through a part irradiated with the laser beam, and fluorescence is emitted. A part of the fluorescence is reflected totally by the surface of every capillary 1a, the fluorescence is not radiated from the side face of every capillary 1a, it is propagated to the length direction of every capillary 1a, and it is radiated from the lower end of every capillary 1a. The fluorescence which is radiated from the lower end of every capillary 1a is reflected by a mirror 24, it is condensed by a lens 5a and a lens 5b, and it is distinguished from background light and exciting light by an optical filter 6 so as to be guided to a detector 7. The output of the detector 7 is input to a computer 8 so as to be processed, and migration waveform data on every capillary 1a is obtained.

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